

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
June 9, 2006

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ), of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice met Friday, June 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was published May 26, 2006 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tom McBride, Chair of the NCJJ.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Michael Behm, Ellen Brokofsky, Lawrence Gendler, Andee Hardesty, Kim Hawekotte, Ron Johns, Tom McBride, T.J. McDowell, Elaine Menzel, Tim O'Dea, Gerard Piccolo, and Reggie Ryder (arrived 10:30). **Members excused:** Linda Benjamin, James Blue, Charles Brewster, Austin Brockmeier, Christopher Connolly, Kay McMinn, Mark Montgomery, Kathy Moore, Danielle Reinke, Tanya Terry, and Jerry Watson. **Members absent:** John Clark, Kylee Hoffmaster, Audra Liebig, Justin Mickles, Todd Reckling, and Fred Ruiz. **Staff present:** Chris Harrifeld, Nancy Steeves, Monica Miles-Steffens, and Stephanie Vensky.

III. Approval of March 31, 2006 Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Hawekotte to approve the March 31, 2006 meeting minutes. (Motion carried unanimously.)

To ensure a quorum was met item X was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

X. Approval of 2005 Title V, JABG & 2006 County Aid Grants

Piccolo gave a brief overview of the grants the committee reviewed and asked everyone to refer to the summary comment sheets in their mail out packet, which contained the comments and recommendations of the Grant Review Committee.

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Johns to approve the 2005 JABG grant funds. Voting in favor of the motion: Behm (abstained 602), Brokofsky (abstained 603), Gendler (abstained 603), Hardesty, Hawekotte, Johns, McDowell, Menzel, O'Dea, and Piccolo (abstained 600). (Motion carried.)

Approve:

Number	Agency—City (Program Title) (2004 Award)	Amount Recommended
05-JA-600	Hall County-Grand Island (Operation Impact) (\$0)	\$10,356.00
05-JA-601	City of Omaha-Omaha (City of Omaha/Douglas Co. Juv. Acct. Block Grant Phase 8) (\$127,994)	\$114,545.00
05-JA-602	Nebraska Crime Commission-Lincoln (Statewide Juvenile Data Sharing) (\$223,462)	\$188,866.00
05-JA-603	Sarpy County-Papillion (Sarpy Co. Juvenile Drug Treatment Court) (\$19,504)	\$16,133.00
05-JA-604	City of Lincoln/Lancaster Co.-Lincoln (Block Grant Program) (\$71,360)	\$72,045.00
	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$401,945.00</i>

Discussion was held on the Title V grant applications. Piccolo gave a brief explanation of the recommendations.

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Gendler to approve the 2005 Title V grant funds. Voting in favor of the motion: Behm, Brokofsky, Gendler, Hardesty, Hawekotte, Johns, McDowell (abstained 32), Menzel, O'Dea, and Piccolo. (Motion carried.)

Approve:

Number	Agency—City (Program Title) (2004 Award)	Amount Recommended
<i>05-JP-30</i>	<i>City of Omaha-Omaha (Awareness Campaign to Increase Attendance at Court Appearances) (\$0)</i>	\$5,000.00

05-JP-31	Dawes County Juvenile Services-Chadron (Circle of Courage) (\$75,000)	\$75,000.00
05-JP-32	Lancaster County-Lincoln ("Where Do I Belong?" DMC Project) (\$0)	\$15,000.00
	TOTAL	\$95,000.00

Deny:

Number	Agency—City (Program Title) (2004 Award)	Amount Recommended
05-JP-33	Cherry County-Valentine (Electronic Monitoring) (\$0)	\$0

Ryder arrived 10:30.

Piccolo stated this was the first year for the County Aid funds. He said it would take some time to get the program in order.

McDowell asked why the grant applications were problematic. Piccolo said many applicants did not provide all the requested information and did not follow directions. Miles-Steffens stated that next year she would offer a training session on how to fill out the application and that certain points would be covered in the grant management training.

Motion

A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Johns to approve the 2006 Count Aid grant funds. Voting in favor of the motion: Behm, Brokofsky (abstained 526, 539), Gendler (abstained 539), Hardesty, Hawekotte, Johns, McDowell, Menzel, O'Dea, Piccolo (abstained 529), and Ryder. (Motion carried.)

Approve:

Number	Agency—City (Program Title) (2005 Award)	Amount Recommended
06-CA-500	Sherman County-Loup City (Sherman Co. Youth Prevention & Diversion) (\$2,870)	\$2,870.00
06-CA-501	Garfield County-Burwell (Garfield, Loup & Wheeler Counties) (\$3,330)	\$3,330.00
06-CA-502	Cuming County-West Point (Cuming County Diversion) (\$9,802)	\$9,802.00
06-CA-503	Phelps County-Holdrege (\$21,676)	\$21,676.00
06-CA-504	Box Butte County-Alliance (Boys & Girls Club) (\$12,132)	\$12,132.00
06-CA-505	Otoe County-Nebraska City (Otoe Co. Juvenile Services Program) (\$13,913)	\$13,913.00
06-CA-506	Gage County-Beatrice (Community Service Coordinator) (\$19,387)	\$19,387.00

06-CA-507	Holt County-O'Neill (Holt Co. Three Year Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan) (\$11,729)	\$11,729.00
06-CA-508	Chase County-Imperial (Chase County Juvenile Services) (\$3,958)	\$3,958.00
06-CA-509	Lincoln County-North Platte (Community Connections Lincoln Co. 2006-2007 County Juv. Services Aid) (\$30,745)	\$30,745.00
06-CA-510	Knox County-Center (Knox County Juvenile Services) (\$8,666)	\$8,666.00
06-CA-511	Butler County-David City (Butler County Juvenile Services Program) (\$8,835)	\$8,835.00
06-CA-512	Garden County-Oshkosh (After School Program) (\$0)	\$2,015.00
06-CA-513	Colfax County-Schuyler (Colfax County Juvenile Services Program) (\$9,851)	\$9,851.00
06-CA-514	Sheridan County-Rushville (Community Service Supervisor) (\$5,877)	\$5,877.00
06-CA-515	Cass County-Plattsmouth (Cass County LB 1184 Group) (\$0)	\$22,079.00
06-CA-516	Thurston County-Pender (Thurston County Diversion) (\$8,198)	\$8,198.00
06-CA-517	Hamilton County-Aurora (After School Youth Program) (\$9,399)	\$9,399.00
06-CA-518	Howard County-St. Paul (Youth Explosion) (\$6,586)	\$6,586.00
06-CA-519	Platte County-Columbus (LB193 County Juvenile Services) (\$31,350)	\$31,350.00
06-CA-520	Richardson County-Falls City (4-County Mentoring Program) (\$22,265)	\$22,265.00
06-CA-521	Red Willow County-McCook (County Aid Funds) (\$9,996)	\$9,996.00
06-CA-522	Custer County-Broken Bow (County Aid Funds) (\$17,935)	\$17,935.00
06-CA-523	York County-York (Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan) (\$13,664)	\$13,664.00
06-CA-524	Buffalo County-Kearney (Buffalo County Juvenile Diversion: Diversion Caseworker) (\$37,662)	\$37,662.00
06-CA-525	Cheyenne County-Sidney (Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Prevention Plan) (\$9,198)	\$9,198.00
06-CA-526	Scotts Bluff County-Gering (Scotts Bluff Co. Juvenile Probation Tracker) (\$32,196)	\$32,196.00
06-CA-527	Brown County-Ainsworth (Electronic Monitoring) (\$0)	\$3,321.00
06-CA-528	Dawes County-Chadron (Dawes County Juvenile Services) (\$8,222)	\$8,222.00
06-CA-529	Hall County-Grand Island (Juvenile Diversion Enhancement) (\$44,812)	\$44,812.00

06-CA-530	Madison County-Madison (Juvenile Services) (\$33,236)	\$33,236.00
06-CA-531	Seward County-Seward (Juvenile ATOD Prevention & Support) (\$15,639)	\$15,639.00
06-CA-532	Dakota County-Dakota City (Community Corrections) (\$18,799)	\$18,799.00
06-CA-533	Jefferson County-Fairbury (2006 Jefferson Co. Juvenile Services Aid) (\$6,933)	\$6,933.00
06-CA-534	Douglas County-Omaha (Douglas County) (\$383,048)	\$383,048.00
06-CA-535	Saline County-Wilber (Saline Co. Big Brothers Big Sisters Program) (\$12,446)	\$12,446.00
06-CA-536	Clay County-Clay Center (We CAN LB 640 Juvenile Services County Aid) (\$40,918)	\$40,918.00
06-CA-537	Fillmore County-Geneva (Juvenile Pretrial Diversion Program) (\$6,546)	\$6,546.00
06-CA-538	Thayer County-Hebron (Juvenile Pretrial Diversion Program) (\$5,006)	\$5,006.00
06-CA-539	Sarpy County-Papillion (Sarpy County Juvenile Drug Court) (\$113,089)	\$113,089.00
06-CA-540	Lancaster County-Lincoln (2006 State County Aid Juvenile Justice Grant) (\$190,686)	\$190,686.00
06-CA-541	Saunders County-Wahoo (Saunders County Juvenile Justice) (\$18,774)	\$18,774.00
06-CA-542	Cherry County-Valentine (Electronic Monitoring) (\$5,739)	\$5,739.00
06-CA-543	Cedar County-Hartington (Northeast NE Juvenile Services Program) (\$10,149)	\$10,149.00
06-CA-544	Dixon County-Ponca (Northeast NE Juvenile Services Program) (\$6,304)	\$6,304.00
06-CA-545	Wayne County-Wayne (Northeast NE Juvenile Services Program) (\$9,004)	\$9,004.00
06-CA-546	Merrick County-Central City (Merrick Co. Juvenile Services) (\$7,723)	\$7,723.00
	<i>TOTAL</i>	\$1,325,708.00

McBride welcomed new members to the Coalition and introductions were made.

IV. Crime Commission Report

a. Compliance Letter

Miles-Steffens reported a letter from OJJDP was received stating Nebraska is in compliance. She said DMC is done separately and we should be receiving that letter soon.

b. Upcoming Grant Management

Miles-Steffens reported Grant Management training is June 28th for Title II and Juvenile Services grants. She stated that anyone interested in attending was welcome.

c. Executive Summary of Three Year Plan

Miles-Steffens emailed an Executive Summary of the Three Year Plan to all coalition members. The purpose of the Executive Summary is to be used as a working document and a user friendly document to post to our website. She stated it would be helpful for people filling out grant applications to use as a reference.

Miles-Steffens asked if anyone had any feedback or idea's to let her know.

Brokofsky asked how the priorities were determined for the three year plan. Miles-Steffens stated the plan must address compliance with the four core requirements and the rest was based on reading and reviewing the county plans that were submitted. Brokofsky suggested adding information and/or priorities regarding the need for additional resources for youth in the system, particularly probation youth. Miles-Steffens stated that the Executive Committee will be looking further at the plan and making adjustments and this could be included.

d. Grant Writing Training: July 19-20 Kearney Ramada Inn

Miles-Steffens reported Grant Writing Training will be held in Kearney, July 19th & 20th at the Ramada Inn and welcomed anyone interested in attending.

e. Diversion Coordinators meeting – June 1st

Miles-Steffens reported the first Diversion Coordinators meeting was held on June 1st. She said approximately 15-20 programs were represented. It was agreed a steering committee would be formed and they would try to provide a bi-annual news letter and bi-annual training sessions. The committee will meet to look at goals for juvenile diversion, uniformity in juvenile diversion programs, and assess training needs.

f. Sustainability Training

Miles-Steffens stated she attended sustainability training and gathered some good information that will be helpful to use in grant writing and grant management training. She is working on further training to help sub-grantees' think through how to sustain their programs.

g. County Plan summary

Miles-Steffens compiled a County Plan summary which showed the counties that have completed their plan, what counties need to complete their plan, what counties have accessed the county aid funds, and which counties applied for 2006 funds. She will be working on the rules and regulations for the program for approval by the Coalition at its next meeting. Hawekotte pointed out several counties that are wanting funding from the Department for services, but have not accessed these funds. She stated she will try to organize a meeting with Miles-Steffens, herself and Demaris Johnson, Director of the County Attorneys Association to try to encourage counties to utilize their funds.

V. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Executive

McBride reported the Executive Committee held a conference call to discuss the agenda for the meeting and upcoming Coalition activities. Judge Gendler provided a handout of bills that passed the last legislative session related to juvenile justice.

b. DMC: Report on DMC initiatives

Janovec reported the DMC committee met prior to the Coalition meeting. She said she developed a work plan for DMC priorities for the next three years based on the state three year plan.

Janovec stated she submitted the federal reports for the top ten identified counties for the state, which were due May 31st. The top ten counties were Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Hall, Platte, Dawes, Scotts Bluff, Cherry, Colfax, and Dakota.

Brokofsky asked what identified those counties as the top ten. Janovec said it was based on those counties who had existing DMC sub-committees, made DMC a priority in their community plan, and/or their demographics.

c. Grant Review

Piccolo had no further comment.

d. Youth

Miles-Steffens reported a couple training opportunities that she would be sending to the youth members.

VI. Sub-grantee Report: Dwight Brown – Lincoln Action Program/HUB

Brown provided a hand out that outlined the HUB program and its target population. The program is to provide support and access to services to young adults transitioning into adulthood who are disconnected from family and the community. It provides support and access to services in five areas of need: Housing, Employment, Education, Health care, and Mental Health. Brown also provided a table outlining the number of youth served and the number of youth in need in each of the five services. The HUB collaborates with many community partners such as Cedars Youth Services, YWCA, Lighthouse, Lincoln Public Schools, etc.

Brown provided a few examples of success stories and the impact the HUB has had on the youth in the community.

Gendler left the meeting 11:15.

Brokofsky stepped out 11:15

To ensure a quorum was met items IX & XI were moved up in the agenda.

IX. Approve Payment of Lunch

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Ryder to approve funds to provide lunch. Voting in favor of the motion: Behm, Hardesty, Hawekotte, Johns, McDowell, Menzel, O'Dea, Piccolo, and Ryder.

Brokofsky returned 11:30

XI. Approve Travel to: CJJ fall conference-New Orleans, LA Sept 7-10; DMC Training Institute- San Francisco – Sept 21-22; OJJDP Underage Drinking Conference – Baltimore – August 24-26

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Behm to approve travel to CJJ fall conference in New Orleans Sept 7-10 for 4 people at \$1,900 per person; DMC Training Institute in San Francisco Sept 21-22 for 4 people at \$1,700 per person; OJJDP Underage Drinking Conf. in Baltimore August 24-26 for 4 people at \$1,650 per person.

Amended Motion

An amendment to the motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Behm to make monies transferable between conferences. Voting in favor of the motion: Behm, Brokofsky, Hardesty, Hawekotte, Johns, McDowell, Menzel, O'Dea, Piccolo, and Ryder. (Motion carried).

Janovec asked the Coalition on behalf of the Heartland Juvenile Services Training Institute to provide training assistance funds to bring in two keynote speakers.

Motion

A motion was made by O'Dea and seconded by Piccolo to support the keynote speakers Andre Norman at \$1,500 and Tim Peterson at \$500 for the Heartland Juvenile Services Training Institute. Voting in favor of the motion: Behm, Brokofsky, Hardesty, Hawekotte, Johns, McDowell, Menzel, O'Dea, Piccolo, and Ryder. (Motion carried).

The meeting broke briefly to distribute lunch.

Behm left the meeting 11:40

VII. Presentation of Annual Diversion Data Report – Hank Robinson, JJI

Robinson gave a brief background of Nebraska's Juvenile Diversion Programs. In 1997 Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice did a study and found there was no consistency in the administration of juvenile diversion programs throughout the state. In 2003 the Juvenile Justice Institute conducted a multi-faceted examination of Nebraska's juvenile pretrial diversion. One purpose of that study was to establish an infrastructure on which the Nebraska Crime Commission could rely for data reporting requirements. As a result, the Juvenile Justice Institute established the Juvenile Diversion Case Management System (CMS).

Robinson stated the Juvenile Diversion CMS provides local and state administrators with a standardized tool for collecting and evaluating juvenile diversion in Nebraska. This standardization of key terms and collection of information creates consistency in the administration of juvenile diversion throughout the state. The CMS also fulfills the statutory requirements outlined in LB43 by serving as the tool for routine reporting and collection of data between county juvenile pre-trial diversion programs and the Crime Commission. He stated currently the CMS is installed in 23 counties.

VIII. Approval of Annual Report to Governor

Miles-Steffens stated this report is required by OJJDP as part of our funding to be done each year. McBride said a meeting will be set up to present the report to the Governor. It was asked if anyone had any ideas or changes to the draft to forward those to Monica.

XII. Discussion of new sub-committee to assist OJS : Kim Hawekotte

Hawekotte reported that more advocacy for juvenile justice is needed. She suggested forming a new sub-committee to develop a 3-5 year plan for juveniles going through the justice system. She asked anyone that would be interested in serving on the committee to contact Tom McBride.

XIII. Discussion on CJJ dues

McBride commented the Coalition used to be a member of CJJ until they raised their dues to \$5,000. In addition, their function has changed and their leadership has changed. He said the Coalition decided to drop their membership of \$5,000 a year because they were not seeing any results. He said each year the committee would look at whether or not to rejoin. Miles-Steffens stated that we still receive all the CJJ information and can still attend any of their functions without being a member. The committee agreed to not join CJJ and revisit the topic next year.

XIV. Report on CJJ and NJJA conferences: Kathy Moore/Monica

Miles-Steffens reported the Coalition did help support the keynote speaker for the NJJA conference. She said there were over 200 participants. Dr. Stanton Samenow was the keynote speaker, and was very well received. She said the conference offered good training for the line staff across the state. Kathy Moore emailed information received from the CJJ conference prior to the meeting.

XV. Public Comment

None

XVI. New Business/Future Agenda Items: Nominating Committee; September meeting in Hastings or Kearney?

McBride reported his term and Judge Gendler's term expire this year and would like to appoint a nominating committee to put together names of those interested in Chair and Vice Chair of the Coalition. He said anyone interested in serving on that committee to let him know.

The September meeting will be held in Kearney or Hastings. Information about location will be provided in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Vensky
Staff Support

